

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INITIAL AND FINAL POLREP**

DATE: July 2, 2003

SUBJECT: May Mead Material Oil Spill
Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina

FROM: Gerald F. Foree, OSC
EPA Region 4, Atlanta, Georgia

TO: EPA RRC for Distribution
Project File

I. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

May Mead Material Oil Spill
7418 US 221 North
Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina

FPN# E03413
Site ID# Z4FH
NRC Report# 649378

LAT: N 38° 46' 40"
LONG: W 82° 2 ' 18"
Lead OSC: Gerald F. Foree
Response Authority: OPA
Project Ceiling: \$10 ,000
NPL Status: Non-NPL
Incident Category: Emergency Response
Material Spilled: #4 Oil
Source Identification: Asphalt Facility
Surface Water Impacted: drainage and retention ponds threatening Limekiln Creek
Date of Notification: 29-June-03
Start Date: 29-June-03
Completion Date: 01-July-03

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Site and Incident Description:

On June 29, 2003, the USEPA, Region 4 was notified of a release of approximately 5,000 gallons of #4 oil from a storage tank at the May Mead Materials, Inc. facility located in Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina. OSC Gerald Foree was dispatched to the facility. Upon arrival, OSC Foree met with Responsible Party and Contractor personnel to discuss incident action plan and status of cleanup.

May Mead Materials, Inc. is an Asphalt company. The facility consist of approximately 3-5 employees. There are five (5) tanks on the facility. On June 28, 2003, the plant manager, Mr. Mark Campbell, performed a walk thru of the facility. The facility does not operate during the weekends, however due to delicate machinery, periodic inspections are required. At approximately 1:30 am on June 29, 2003, Mr. Campbell performed another inspection and notice that oil had overflowed from a 30,000 gallon tank and therefore spilled onto the property. Proper notifications were made and cleanup contractor was hired.

OSC Foree and the START contractor mobilized to the facility and performed oversight of Responsible Party, RP, cleanup. Impacted areas included storm water drainage which lead off site and down a steep hill into a wooded area. The contamination continued throughout the wooded area down a ditch line into two (2) retention ponds.

RP contractors began collection of oil that was on the property and began flushing operations down the drainage area. RP contractor staged vacuum trucks at the retention ponds to collect water/oil that collected from flushing operations. RP contractors also walked the drainage area and applied absorbent pads and boom to collect oil in pocket areas that flushing operations weren't affected.

B. Community Involvement:

None

C. Unusual Circumstances

None

D. Future Considerations

RP contractors were to continue to flush drainage and apply absorbent materials where needed. Contractors will also provided transportation and disposal of waste oil and cleanup materials.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS:

A. Estimated Costs:

START \$ 9,000

EPA Direct Costs: \$ 1,000

TOTAL SITE COSTS: \$10,000

Note: Costs shown are based on information available at the time this report was prepared. These figures should not be used to support or dispute any legal action regarding this removal.

V. ROSTER OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING IN REMOVAL

Org./Agency, Address	Primary Contact	Phone Number	Role/Activity
USEPA-Region 4 Emergency Response and Removal Branch 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta Federal Center Atlanta, GA 30303	Gerald F. Foree	(404) 562-8850	On-Scene Coordinator
USEPA-Region 4 Criminal Investigation Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta Federal Center Atlanta, GA 30303	Tyler Eman (North Carolina Ofc)	(704) 344-6843	Special Agent
North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources 59 Woodfin Place Asheville, NC 28801	Larry Frost	(828) 251-6208	Emergency Contact
McDowell County Emergency Services 60 East Court Street Marion, NC 28752	Carroll W. Hemphill	(828) 652-3982	Director
May Mead Materials, Inc. 7418 US 221 North Marion, NC 28752	David Jensen	(423) 571-5961	Asphalt Plants Manager
Hepaco, Inc. 6 Westside Drive Asheville, NC 28806	Doug Gentry	(828) 712-0627	Project Manager